

Numismatics International

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Sixty-fourth meeting of
NUMISMATICS INTERNATIONAL
Wednesday, October 15, 1969, 7:30 P.M.
Northwest National Bank - Community Room
Walnut Hill Shopping Village
DALLAS, TEXAS, U.S.A.

PROGRAM: "Famous Art on Paper Money"

SPEAKER: William E. Benson

BY-LAWS REPORT: As published in the July 1969 Bulletin, a committee was appointed by President Ed Slade to study the possibility of revision of the By-Laws in order to bring them up to date for better operation of the Club.

This committee reported to the membership in the September Bulletin a summary of the proposed changes. They also announced complete copies of the new proposed By-Laws were available to anyone expressing an interest.

Pursuant to Article IX - Amendments of the present By-Laws, the proposed changes were submitted in writing at the regular meeting in September and requires a vote at the next following regular meeting (this month). A 2/3 majority favorable vote of the members present and voting shall be required to ratify these new By-Laws.

Any member unable to attend the meeting may submit in writing any comments or discussion he desires concerning the new By-Laws. Your submission will be discussed at this month's meeting. After all discussion (including comments from absentee members), a vote will be taken on the proposed By-Laws.

As you can determine from the above, this meeting is very important to the entire Club. Please make every effort to attend this meeting and air any views you should have concerning this major change of the By-Laws.

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CLUB EMBLEM CONTEST: Several creative and exciting entries were submitted by the membership in the Club Emblem Contest. All entries have been turned over to an independent committee (non-members) by the Board of Governors for judging. Their selection of the winning entry or entries will be submitted for final approval of the Board. It is hoped that we can announce the new emblem in the November Bulletin. The new emblem will adorn all official club papers.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1970 OFFICERS: A Nominating Committee consisting of Bob Tomlinson (Chairman), Marvin Fraley and Bob Ward was appointed by President Ed Slade. In anticipation of adoption of the new By-Laws, the Committee announces that the following slate of officers for 1970 will be proposed at the November Election Meeting. Additional nominations from the floor will be in order.

PRESIDENT:	William E. Benson
VICE-PRESIDENT:	K. T. "Ed" Edwards
SECRETARY:	(Open - To be announced)
TREASURER:	Bill German

Staff aides are not subject to election and any changes to the present staff will be announced prior to January 1970 by the President-Elect.

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1970 DUES: As outlined in the proposed new By-Laws, the Board of Governors shall recommend the dues for the forthcoming year and they will be published in the October Bulletin. Any written objections to the proposed dues and fees will be read at the November meeting prior to the vote to ratify said dues and fees.

The Board of Governors has decreed that, should the new By-Laws be adopted by the membership, the dues for 1970 shall be \$3.00 which will include seamail delivery to those members overseas, except that those members who have an APO or FPO address shall receive airmail delivery.

Additional charges for airmail delivery will be \$3.00 per year in those areas where the airmail rate is 15¢ per ½ ounce (West Indies, Central and South America), \$4.00 per year in those areas where the airmail rate is 20¢ per ½ ounce (Western and Central Europe, North Africa) and \$5.00 per year in those areas where the airmail rate is 25¢ per ½ ounce (Africa other than North Africa, Australia and Asia).

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H. D. LAWRENCE: The following information concerning NI Founder Member H. D. Lawrence appears in the "Dictionary of International Biography", published in London:

LAWRENCE, Harrison d'Edmon, born 19th July, 1908.
Numismatist, Philatelist, Writer. Appointments include: Electrician, Machinist, Tennessee Coal, Iron and R.R. Co.; Free-lance Reporter & Writer; Owner, H. D. Lawrence, Coins & Stamps, L & M Coins & Stamps. Publications include: Somewhere in North Africa & Other Poems, 1962. Military Awards include: Europe, Africa, Middle East Campaign with 7 Battle Stars, Purple Heart, Bronze Star (U.S.), 1941-45; Croix de Guerre with Palm, Medaille Militaire (France). Address: 4419 Alamosa Drive, Dallas, Texas 75232, USA.

MEMBERS CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

- 190-MT Robert L. BALLARD, 716 Loughborough, St. Louis, Mo. 63111
(Arabic North Africa) - Note change in collecting spec.
FND James L. FERRELL, 8521 Dunlap Dr., Dallas, Texas 75217
(World Types)
161-MT Maj. Paul L. HARRISON, 15741 Belfast Lane, Huntington Beach,
California 92647 -- (World by Date)
357 N. R. MACK S7-1 536-02-38, USS BENNER DD-807, c/o F.P.O.,
San Francisco, Calif. 96601 -- (World Crowns & Asia)
252-MT Masato M. SERA, c/o A. Truye, 404-1 Naka-Omoji, Kade-Machi,
ASA-QUN, Hiroshima-Ken, Japan -- (China and Japan)

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SEPTEMBER APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Membership applications #376-394 published in the September Bulletin have been admitted to membership.

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OCTOBER APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: The following persons have applied for membership. If no written objection is received by November 1, 1969, their membership will become effective that date:

- 395-MT Alfred BERGMAN, 5555 Collins Ave., Apt. 16R, Miami, Fla. 33140
(Crowns & Proofs)
396-MT R. L. LABELLE, 149 Ontario St., Phelps, N. Y. 14532
(World Types)
397-MT Bernard W. SOUTHGATE, 613 Wallace, Ave., Covington, Ky. 41014
(French by Date & Mint)
398-MT Alexander H. LECUYER, 80-20 Broadway, Elmhurst, N. Y. 11373
(Crowns)
399-MT Capt. O. E. BAKER, 4616 Backlick Rd., Annandale, Va. 22003
(Annam, Russia, China)
400-MT Philip L. LAWRENCE, 221 Nassau St., Princeton, N. J. 08540
(World Types)
401-MT James E. HAYES, 4468 Twin Post Rd., Dallas, Texas 75234
(Switzerland)
402 Joseph W. GIBSON, 3771 Cortez Dr., Dallas, Texas 75220
(Mexico & Spanish)
403 Dr. N. GREENWALD, San Andros, Andros, Bahamas
(Ancients & Hanoverian)
404-MT Frank M. ORLOWSKI, P. O. Box 444, Austin, Minn. 55912
(Minors and Paper Money)
405-MT James H. DUGAN, 7 Horizon View Dr., East Greenbush, N. Y. 12061
(Crowns and Copper Coins)
406-MT Harold G. BAVAIARD, P.O. Box 832, Pacific Palisades, Calif. 9021
(World Types)
407-MT Walter H. SNYDER, 37 Karl-Schremp-Strasse, 75 Karlsruhe 1,
Germany -- (USA, Gr. Britain, Germany, Switzerland)
408-MT Ray BYRNE, 701 N. Negley Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15206
(West Indies Coins and Tokens)

COINS & BOOKS OFFERED FOR SALE TO THE MEMBERSHIP: Due to the extensive selection of scarce and valuable reference books being offered, the listing of coins will be very short for this month only.
ALL ORDERS FOR THESE LISTINGS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 31, 1969!

COINS:

BULGARIA, 1 Leva, Copper-Nickel, 1969, Comm. 25th Anniversary	
of Socialist Revolution, UNC	\$1.75 ea.
" 2 Leva (same as above)	3.25 ea.
FORMOSA, Y7, 5 Chiao 50 Cents Silver 1949, VF	1.10 ea.
PERU, Y75-76, 1969, UNC	1.25 set
MALAYSIA, Y6, \$1, UNC	1.35 ea.

BOOKS:

Current Coins of the World, 3rd Edition, Whitman Publishing Co. (See review in orther parts of this bulletin)	\$2.00 ea.
The Guidebook of Canadian Coins, Paper Currency and Tokens, by Somer James, 11th Edition 1970.	2.00 ea.
Illustrated History of Coins and Tokens related to Canada, the original 1894 edition by P. N. Breton.	10.00 ea.
European Crowns and Talers Since 1800, by John Davenport	10.00 ea.
European Crowns 1700-1800, by John Davenport	10.00 ea.
German Talers 1700-1800, by John Davenport	10.00 ea.
The Dollars of Africa, Asia & Oceania, by John Davenport	8.50 ea.
German Church and City Talers, by John Davenport (The above 5 books include values and illustrations.)	10.00 ea.
Standard Catalogue of British Coins, by Peter Seaby. 4,750 coins listed and valued.	3.50 ea.
Coin Catalogue of Ireland, by Derek Young.	1.50 ea.
Coins of the British Commonwealth of Nations to the end of the Reign of George VI, by Fred Pridmore. Part 1 - European Territories	8.50 ea.
Same as above - Part 2, Asia excluding India.	12.50 ea.
Same as above - Part 3, The West Indies, with valuations.	16.50 ea.
Same as above - Part 4, The Straits Settlements and British Malaya 1786-1951.	6.50 ea.
Roman Coins and Their Values, 1969 edition, by P. R. Sear, Illustrated.	4.00 ea.
Greek Coins and Their Values, by H. A. Seaby, 1969 Edition.	4.00 ea.

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BOOKS OFFERED FOR SALE TO THE MEMBERSHIP (Cont'd):

The Standard Catalogue of British Orders, Decorations & Medals, Illustrated with values. By Joslin, 1st Edition, 1969	\$5.00 ea.
The Silver Coins of Imperial Russia, by H. M. Severin.	11.75 ea.
The Catalogue of Papal Medals, by D. Spink.	3.00 ea.
Eight Reales & Pesos of the New World, by Carlos Elizondo, Illustrated, mintages and values in 4 grades.	4.50 ea.
The Coins of France, by V. Guilloteau. From 1774-1942, 3000 illustrations, all mintages, all coins priced.	22.50 ea.
The Coins of France, by V. Guilloteau, From 1848-1967. Illustrated - all mintages.	5.50 ea.
Catalogue of Netherlands Coins, by Johan Mevius, From 1813 to date. Complete mintages and values, 1st Edition 1969-1970.	3.50 ea.
Catalogue of Luxembourg Coins, 1740-1967. Complete mintages and values.	2.50 ea.
European Gold Coins and Crowns, by Bobba. From 1800-1966, Every date & quantity minted, fully illustrated, 648 pages.	20.00 ea.
Standard Coin Catalogue of Germany, by Beckenbauer, from 1871-1968, illustrated, mintages, values in 4 grades.	3.75 ea.
Coin Values for Italy - The Vatican and Italian Colonies, by Cermentini. From 1800-1967. Fully illustrated, with valuations and mintages, 278 pages.	5.00 ea.
Handbook of Netherlands Coins, from 1795-1969. The definitive reference by J. Schulman.	9.50 ea.
The Silver Coins of Benelux, - Crowns, Half Crowns, etc. & Siege Coins, Belgium, Holland & Luxembourg, by A. Delmonte.	21.75 ea.
Chinese Currency, by Schjoth. Illustrated with values.	10.00 ea.
The Decimal Coinage of Italy 1768-1970 by Cesare Bobba, mintages and values, Illustrated, 348 pages.	6.50 ea.
The Catalogue of the Paper Money of Italy from 1746-1969, by Cesare Bobba, illustrated with values and numbered.	7.00 ea.
American, Africa, Asia & Oceania from 1840-1969. For all gold and silver dollar coins with values, sizes, weight, and metallic content, illustrated, 648 pages.	15.75 ea.
Roman Silver Coins - Vol. 1, Republic to Augustus, by H. A. Seaby, 2nd Edition. With values and illustrated.	5.75 ea.

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BOOKS OFFERED FOR SALE TO THE MEMBERSHIP (Cont'd):

Roman Silver Coins - Vol. II, Tiberius to Commodus, by H. A. Seaby, 2nd revised edition. With values and illustrated. \$5.75 ea.

A Guide to the Principal Coins of the Greeks by Barclay Head. A superb book first published in 1932 and still a basic reference with Heads' numbers. 108 pages, 52 plates, Reprinted in 1965. 6.50 ea.

Catalog of Modern Copper Coins of the Muhamadden States, Reprint of original published in 1911, by W. H. Valentine. 5.50 ea.

Provincial Token Coinage of the 18th Century, by Dalton and Hammer. 26.75 ea.

This concludes the listing of reference books. Many of these books are, and have been for some time, out of print and this is an excellent opportunity for NI Members to invest in their libraries. All books offered are approximately 33-1/3% off the current retail price. POSTAGE WILL BE ADDED TO ALL PURCHASES THAT MUST BE FORWARDED BY MAIL!

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EXTRA COINS & BOOKS FROM PREVIOUS ORDERS STILL AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS:

4 -- PHILIPPINES, Y46-50 (including 50¢), UNC	1.25 set
2 -- PHILIPPINES, Y46-49 (no 50¢ included), UNC	.50 set
1 -- "Pillars & Portraits - Second Edition", by Harris	3.75 ea.

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OUTSTANDING COIN ORDERS LISTED IN PAST BULLETINS:

Apr. 1969: All Austria (Have been shipped from Austria via seamail)
 July 1969: Bahrain.
 Aug. 1969: All Brazil, Czechoslovakia, New Zealand, South Africa and Turks & Caicos.
 Sep. 1969: All items outstanding.

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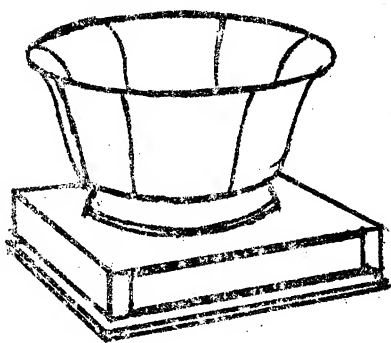
JIM THOMAS (member #111) has asked assistance of the membership in obtaining a copy, new or used, of "Sten's Encyclopedia of World Paper Money". Jim cautions that the book he wants is not to be confused with the first two volumes of his four part series. Anyone having information on this book should contact Jim at: 139 Ticknor Drive, Columbus, Georgia 31903.

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CHECKLISTS OF 8TH EDITION MODERN WORLD COINS: Enclosed with this Bulletin are two checklists for coins listed in the 8th Edition of "Modern World Coins" which were compiled by member Glenn V. RITTER. The checklists cover all coins in the 8th Edition of Yeoman's catalog with the exception of gold and U.S.A. Additional copies of the checklists are available -- send a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

FOUNDERS TROPHY INAUGURATED

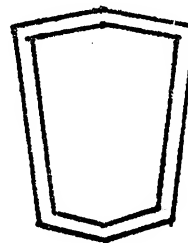
At the annual exhibit meeting in November, a permanent trophy will be given for the first time. The trophy illustrated at the left will be awarded to the exhibit judged by the members to be the "Best of Show". Each year the name of the recipient will be engraved on the silver plate attached to the walnut base.



At the October meeting of the Board of Governors, Bill Benson, chairman of the exhibit committee this year, proposed the Founders Trophy and received unanimous approval. The trophy is not named for the founding group nor is it in their honor, but rather donated by them to promote a higher quality of exhibits and more participation in the annual show. The trophy will remain in the possession of the successful exhibitor for one year and then will be returned each November for the new winner to receive it.

Formal presentation will be made at the December dinner meeting.

Engraved metal plates on walnut plaques will be awarded to each winner of the first place award in the cases of Quality of Numismatic Research and Most Unusual and Innovative Display. Ribbons will be awarded for second and third in each category as well as research and innovative display.



Several things contribute to a successful exhibit, most of all time to enjoy it. Come early to set up your display. Our meeting room does not have an adequate light level to view numismatic items. Interesting coins can't command much attention unless they can be seen. Your own supplementary lighting would help. If your exhibit is large or you have any questions, call the exhibit chairman, Bill Benson (home 352-0572; office 742-2422).

Again this year the members will judge the show. Come on time to participate. Judging forms will be provided.

NEW ISSUES WITH ASSIGNED YEOMAN NUMBERS AND NI ESTIMATED VALUES:

(The catalog numbers assigned to new issues published here are supplied by special arrangement with "Current Coins of the World", published and copyrighted by Western Publishing Co., Inc. Whitman Publishing Division, Racine, Wisconsin, U.S.A. No further use of these catalog numbers in any other publications is authorized.) --

(Pricing is the estimated value assigned by Numismatics International and does not reflect prices that will later be assigned in "Current Coins of the World".)

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>TENTATIVE CATALOG NO. & ISSUE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED NI VALUE</u>
BAHRAIN:	Y8 10 Dinars 1968, Gold, Isa Town Commemorative	\$ --
BRUNEI:	Y7 1 Sen 1968, Bronze	.15
	Y8 5 Sen 1968, Copper-Nickel	.20
	Y9 10 Sen 1968, Copper-Nickel	.30
	Y10 20 Sen 1968, Copper-Nickel	.45
	(All new coinage - Sultain Hassanal Bolkiah I)	
BULGARIA:	Y69 1 Lev 1969, Copper-Nickel, 25th Anniv. of Socialist Revolution	2.50
	Y70 2 Leva 1969, Copper-Nickel, 25th Anniv. of Socialist Revolution	4.00
CZECHOSLOVAKIA:	Y79 25 Korun 1969, Silver, 100th Anniv. Death of Jan Evangelista Purkyne	4.00
	Y80 25 Korun 1969, Silver, 25th Anniv. of Slovak Uprising	4.00
	(Above listings to correct as shown in August)	
EQUATORIAL AFR. STATES:	Y6 1 Franc 1969, Aluminum	.15
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (EAST):	YA11 20 Pfennig 1969, Aluminum-Bronze	.40
IRAQ:	Y33 25 Fils 1969, Copper-Nickel	.40
	Y34 50 Fils 1969, Copper-Nickel	.75
KENYA:	Y7 5 Cents 1969, Nickel-Brass	.15
	Y8 10 Cents 1969, Nickel-Brass	.20
	Y9 25 Cents 1969, Copper-Nickel	.30
	Y10 50 Cents 1969, Copper-Nickel	.40
	Y11 1 Shilling 1969, Copper-Nickel	.60
	Y12 2 Shillings 1969, Copper-Nickel	1.00
PERU:	Y75 5 Soles 1969, Copper-Nickel	.50
	Y76 10 Soles 1969, Copper-Nickel	.65
POLAND:	Y61 10 Zlotych 1969, Copper-Nickel, 25th Anniversary of People's Republic (Apparently different from Y60)	1.25

VIEWPOINTS

by Jim Thomas

I look back now, somewhat on ideas that came and went with the times; times when I specialized on certain things for certain periods of time. It was necessary that I do this, for to fail in doing it, would mean that over a given period of time that NOTHING would ever be completed. But wait, what actual difference does that make? The search IS THE THING. This is agreed on by all of the world's past great numismatists. As I look back on the completing of the collecting of coins of particular countries, then I must realize that, as these countries were completed, something was taken from the hobby. Some interest was immediately lost. Something was laid aside. I concentrated for a time on collecting the coins of Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Lithuania, British Caribbean Territories, even a large country like Australia, until I had completed these sets. That the task was enormous at the start is brought home to me by the fact that when these parts of the tasks are laid aside it is seemingly still no easier.

It is impossible to learn ALL there is to know about the coins of ALL the world's countries. If a single person sits down and unravels those coins which were minted in the US, during WWII, some of which were minted for Netherlands, some for Curacao, some for Surinam, unravels them so he can lay it out on a piece of paper, so that it represents the true facts, then he has done a job in numismatics, indeed. It is easier today than it was in the past, for more accurate information is available as research has been done on the subject. The same is true of the collector, who will establish as his aim, collecting coins of Belgium. Say that he decides to collect all of these coins by type. He can tell himself that the Flemish and the French varieties, are not types, but only varieties within types, but can he not wonder just exactly what years these individual varieties were minted? I went about this in the "blind", that is, by guessing as there was no information to help me. Then when the information became available, the task was much easier. I have carefully noted however, in going over a mint report of Belgium, that certain of this country's coins were rare as to type, certain others were rare as to date (because of short mintage), OTHERS were even rare as to variety! This same thing can be readily seen as well by going over a German mint report. I note cases where a coin with a mintmark of "A" is listed and priced at \$1.00; the same coin with a mintmark of "F" is priced at \$10.00, due to its short mintage. This is not a serious thing, but certainly furnishes a point to ponder.

In collecting the coins of Australia, I was not privileged to concentrate on ALL die varieties, for to do this, would have meant only to SPECIALIZE in this one country alone. I collected by date, taking those varieties as they came my way. The set then remains DATE complete but NOT complete as to individual die varieties. To have specialized further in this, could have been done at the expense of something else!

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VIEWPOINTS (Cont'd):

If an individual's specialty in numismatics is the unraveling of the complexities of ANY coins of ANY country, then he has set for himself the highest of aims possible in numismatics. He will attain for himself also the maximum benefit from these aims. I have said many times that the very key to numismatics is knowledge. If a person enters numismatics to search for knowledge he will find it. If he enters the hobby to search for purely a monetary profit, then he has entered the wrong hobby. The dollar will come and go. The knowledge will remain an everlasting memory. Knowledge of coins is acquired in two ways, principally. Through coins themselves, but mainly through the availability of those works of research that has been done in numismatics. - - - Jim Thomas.

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ADDENDA TO "CHECKLIST OF GOLD TYPE COINS IN 8TH EDITION MODERN WORLD COINS & 2ND EDITION CURRENT COINS OF THE WORLD":

Compiled by Glenn V. Ritter - ANA NI GCTA

This list is in the form of an addenda to the Checklist of 7th Edition Gold Types; that is, the 7th List of Types still applies to the 8th Edition, with the exception of the additions, deletions, and changes listed hereon:

AFGHANISTAN: Changes: The 18 types listed in 7th Ed. are also listed in 8th Ed., but all numbers have been changed. The new numbers are: 13 14 19 31 41 42 48 49 50 51 59 60 61 65 78 87 88 89. 78 is not properly identified as being gold. The column heading of 32-36 on page 9 tends to suggest that these are gold; they are actually copper and brass.

BOLIVIA: Delete 6 7 8 9 10. These are Craig Nos. 56 57 58 59 60.

BURMA: Add 8.

DANZIG: Add 18 19. These were also in 7th Ed. but were overlooked on the original checklist.

EGYPT: Add G11 H11. 121 & 122 were in 7th Ed., are not in 8th Ed. but are now listed in 2nd Ed. CCW.

ISRAEL: 32 33 were in 7th Ed., are not in 8th Ed. but are in 2nd CCW.

ITALY: 66 67 68 69 70 71 75 76 65 have been changed to: 41 42 53 54 55 56 60 70 71.

NEPAL: Four un-numbered types are listed following Y55 on page 336.

SOVIET CENTRAL ASIA: Add B1 for Bukhara.

SPAIN: Delete A61 B61 A64.

TUNISIA: Add D1.

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ADDENDA TO "GOLD CHECKLIST" (Cont'd):

The following gold types are listed in the 2nd Edition of CCW and did not appear on the original checklist:

BULGARIA: 62 63 66 67

CANADA: 65

CHINA-NATIONALIST: 15 16 18

HUNGARY: 94 95 96 102 103

ISRAEL: 40 45

LIBERIA: 18

MONACO: 24

NETHERLANDS: 63 (Same as Y15)

PERU: 65 66 73 74

RHODESIA: 5 6 7

SIERRA LEONE: 7 8 9

(Note: Copies of the original gold checklist are still available. Send a stamped self-addressed envelope for your copy.)

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BOOK REVIEW: "Current Coins of the World, 3rd Edition", 256 pages, illustrated, by R. S. Yeoman, published by Western Publishing Co., Inc., Whitman Hobby Division, Racine, Wisconsin. Retail Price: \$2.50, hard-bound.

The third edition of R. S. Yeoman's popular "Current Coins of the World" has just been released by Western Publishing Company of Racine, Wisconsin. This latest edition is, more than ever, a "must" for the collector of modern foreign coins.

All new issues of worldwide regular and commemorative coins to mid-1969 are included, with concise descriptions of dates, denominations, metals, and coinage systems. High-quality illustrations appear for the new pieces and many illustrations of older coins have been replaced to improve quality and permit a more informative layout. The numerous minor revisions and details added to present listings reflect the continuing effort to provide the most complete and accurate information available.

Special features of the third edition are a new listing of modern world proof sets with market values, and a section titled "Controversial Recent Issues". The latter lists pieces whose official status is uncertain, most of which were made to be sold to collectors.

As always, up-to-the-minute market values are given for all coin types. The many price changes throughout the book are clear evidence that foreign coin collecting remains the fastest growing field of interest in the numismatic hobby. Mr. Yeoman's most popular feature, the universally used "Y" numbers, has made "Current Coins of the World" the standard reference source for all foreign coinage since World War II.

This volume is the most recent in a trilogy covering world coinage since 1750. The same author's "Catalog of Modern World Coins" covers issues starting at 1850, and earlier series are found in "Coins of the World, 1750-1850", by William D. Craig.

This book is highly recommended to all NI members. (See book list on Page 4 for special offering to the membership.)

SOME NUMISMATIC NEWS FROM HOLLAND

by Matthew J. van der Voort, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

I plead guilty for having neglected my duty to our Bulletin for so long a time. I trust the Bulletin readers will accept my apologies if I tell them that very personal circumstances and even worse, illness has forced me to inactivity for quite a time. But now I am again able to do my numismatic work and I am happy that I have a few numismatic news items from Holland which I believe will be of interest to the members of NI.

First of all, after June 1st of this year, the Mintmaster's Mark (MMMk) on Dutch coinage was changed.

The former Mintmaster, who's name happened to be "van Hengel", that is in English "fishing rod", had as his MMMk a fish, to be seen at the left of the denomination indication of the Dutch coins. The small caduceus one perceives at the right of the denomination stands for "Utrecht", the city where the Dutch State Mint is situated.

In Holland the Mintmaster has the right to choose his own MMMk and thus Mr. van Hengel indeed chose a very fitting MMMk.

His successor, Mr. van den Brandhof, a name that hardly offers an opportunity to find a MMMk fitting to or derived from his name, solved the problem by choosing a cock for his MMMk. One has to know that the cock is an old Dutch symbol for alertness and since the Mintmaster is responsible for the alloy and weight of the coins struck under his direction, Mr. van den Brandhof could not have chosen a better MMMk. During the centuries Dutch coins always had a good reputation, albeit that in times of trouble and wars, sometimes the several local mints we had at these times in Holland, saw nothing in it to debase the coins. Happily, Holland is no exception in this respect, practically every country took resort to this basic crime of debasing the coin. But more generally speaking, the Dutch coinage has always been among the best in the world.

Incidentally, it lasted until the brother of Napoleon, who was made King of the Low Countries, issued a decree that only at the Mint in Utrecht coins should be struck. All the other - very many - mints in the Netherlands were closed. This occurred on January 1, 1807. After the fall of Napoleon the new Dutch government did not withdraw this decree of Louis Napoleon, but maintained the Utrecht Mint as the sole Mint for the Netherlands. With this exception that after the Great Powers at the Vienna Congress added what now is Belgium to the Netherlands and declaring King William I as sole ruler of the two combined countries, part of his - William I's - coins were struck at Brussels and part of them at Utrecht. After the Belgian revolt of 1830, Belgium became a Kingdom of its own and since that year all the Dutch coins were struck at the Utrecht Mint. There is, however, again an exception. During World War II, the Dutch Government-in-exile in London had coins struck in the United States Mints of San Francisco, Denver and Philadelphia. These coins may have as

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SOME NUMISMATIC NEWS FROM HOLLAND (Cont'd):

Mintmark either "S", "D" or "P". The coins struck for use in the then Dutch Colonies had as a special mark a small palmtree. Those for use in the Netherlands proper have an acorn.

All these coins struck in the United States were only issued to a limited extent. The "acorn" coins indeed were put into circulation in the southern part of the country after this part of Holland had been liberated by the United States Forces. Due to the failure of Montgomery's Airlanding near Arnhem, the northern part of the country had to suffer a very hard autumn and winter. Wantonly the Germans starved the population and this writer has seen people die in the streets from starvation. There even was no wood to make coffins and the corpses were stored in an old church in Amsterdam until the end of the war when a decent burial could be undertaken.

After the surrender of Germany in May 1945, the Dutch government found a totally bankrupt monetary situation and practically every valuable thing in the country had been stolen by the Germans. Since, under these circumstances, the silver value of the coins exceeded by far the face value, the new Dutch Government decided not to bring them into circulation, but to send the coins back to the United States as partly payment for the war debts the country had. Incidentally, The Netherlands is one of only two countries that has completely repaid all of its war debts to the United States.

As usually is the case, a few of these coins which were returned to the United States escaped and they are now first rate rarities. But let us return to the present.

Unfortunately, our Bulletin is still not yet able to reproduce photographs of coins. Otherwise I would have made photographs of the new MMMk, the cock. We have an extremely rare situation as to the Dutch coinage of the year 1969. It never happened before that in one year two different MMMk's appeared on Dutch coins, that is to say the MMMk of two different Mintmasters.

A further interesting news item is that the Dutch Government is considering to issue a commemorative coin of the denomination of 10 Guilders. Next year, in May, we Dutch will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our Liberation by Allied forces. At this occasion the first commemorative ever struck in the Netherlands will be issued. The design has not yet been decided upon; it can be expected that the coin will bear the effigy of the late Queen Wilhelmina who, according to the late Winston Churchill, was the only "man" in the Dutch Government-in-exile in London, and that of the actual Queen, Juliana.

To all NI members, "greetings" and to the Dallas members in particular, "so long" until next year in Bid "D".

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ICELAND MINTAGES

by John K. Graves

While working on my project of searching for information relating to the use of Nickel in coinage from 1850-1950, a lot of additional information seems to wander my way. The following information was received from Iceland.

First, a listing of differences reported from Iceland and the mintages given by Harris:

			<u>Iceland</u>	<u>Harris</u>
Y1	1 Eyrir	1940	1,000,000	500,000
Y2	2 Aurar	1940(L)	1,000,000	500,000
Y3	5 Aurar	1940	1,000,000	500,000
Y4	10 Aurar	1940	1,500,000	1,000,000
Y4a	10 Aurar	1942	2,000,000	1,500,000
Y13	10 Aurar	1958	500,000	2,500,000
Y13	10 Aurar	1959	3,000,000	1,000,000
Y5	25 Aurar	1940	1,500,000	1,000,000
Y5a	25 Aurar	1942	2,000,000	1,000,000
Y14	25 Aurar	1958	500,000	1,500,000
Y14	25 Aurar	1959	2,000,000	1,000,000
Y6	1 Krona	1940(L)	715,000	1,000,000
Y15	1 Krona	1946	2,175,000	4,062,000
Y7	2 Kronur	1940	546,000	1,000,000
Y16	2 Kronur	1946	1,086,000	2,087,000

For the gold collectors: Y17 - 500 Kronur 1961 -- 10,000

Some of the differences are obvious, like the 1958-59 variations, but others are quite interestingly different.

Below are the added mintages since Harris' ending in 1962:

Y11	1 Eyrir	1966	1,000,000	Y15a	1 Krona	1963	1,500,000
Y12	5 Aurar	1963	1,200,000			1965	2,000,000
		1965	800,000			1966	2,000,000
		1966	1,000,000	Y16a	2 Kronur	1963	750,000
Y13	10 Aurar	1963	4,000,000			1966	1,000,000
		1965	2,000,000	Y19	10 Kronur	1967	1,000,000
		1966	4,000,000*	Y20	50 Kronur	1968	100,000
		1967	2,000,000				
		1969	3,200,000**	YA15	50 Aurar	1969	1,000,000**
Y14	25 Aurar	1963	3,000,000	Y ?	500 AurKr 1	1969	1,000,000**
		1965	4,000,000*				
		1966	2,000,000				
		1967	3,000,000				

* These mintages are both given as 2,000,000 and 2,000,000 for the 10 and 25 Aurar for two different assigned numbers, thus equalling the totals of 4,000,000 each. I wonder why? Perhaps it merely means two different striking periods within the same year.

** These are the coins for 1969, which have apparently already been struck, but were not released until June, according to the information received. But what the third piece is, I don't know. This is exactly the way the information is written: "500. -AUR KR 1, = 1 000 000". Any answers?

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